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## SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT AND REPLY AFTER FINAL OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116

Dear Sir:

## INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This paper supplements the reply filed on March 25, 2008 in response to the Final Office Action dated November 28, 2008, and the telephonic communication with the Examiner conducted on May 5, 2008. Applicants request extension of time to May 28, 2008. Therefore, this paper is being timely filed.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

## Remarks/Arguments begin on page 14 of this paper.

This submission also includes sequence alignments of SEQ ID NOS: 2 through 16 with SEQ ID NO: 43 as requested by the Examiner.

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